

# U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Market Access Results

## Paper and Paper Products

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### Trade and Tariffs

This sector is defined by the World Trade Organization's Uruguay Round sectoral agreement on paper. Paper and paper products accounted for 2.5 percent of total U.S. industrial exports to Peru in 2007, totaling nearly \$78 million. The top U.S. exports in this sector included chemical woodpulp, uncoated kraftliner, uncoated graphics paper and paperboard, and newsprint. Peruvian tariffs range between 4 and 12 percent, with an average of 9.7 percent.

Peruvian exports of paper and products to the United States totaled \$12.2 million in 2007, or less than 1 percent of Peru's total industrial exports to the United States. Top Peruvian exports to the United States included books, advertising material, maps, and other printed matter. The United States is a signatory of the Uruguay Round sectoral agreement and as a result imposes zero duties on these products on an MFN basis.

### Tariff Elimination

Overall, tariffs will be phased out according to four tariff elimination categories: immediate elimination, equal cuts over five years, equal cuts over seven years, and equal cuts over ten years.

For paper products, 86 percent of U.S. industrial exports will receive duty-free treatment immediately upon implementation of the agreement. Tariffs on another 7 percent of exports will be eliminated over five years, and 6 percent will be eliminated over seven years. Duties on the remaining 1 percent of U.S. exports will be eliminated over ten years.

Tariffs on many priority craft, writing, and drafting paper products will be eliminated immediately upon implementation of the agreement.